

C. Remarks

In the above-noted Office Action, claims 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 5 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boesch et al (US 5,897,621). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boesch et al., over Potter et al (US 5,787,402).

With this amendment, claims 5 and 7 have been amended.

The Examiner has objected to the abstract and certain portions of the specification. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out such errors and appropriate correction has been made.

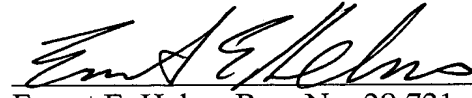
The Examiner has made various rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 to claims 5 and 7. Appropriate correction has been made to address the issues brought up by the Examiner. The term "outside entity" has been addressed in the specification to make moot the rejection of claim 5 because of the term "outside entity."

With regard to the rejection of claim 5 under Boesch et al, Applicant respectfully submit that claim 5, as now presented in amended form, is not anticipated or made obvious by Boesch et al, singularly or in combination with the other cited reference. Specifically, Boesch is to a totally different system than Applicant's invention.. Boesch has a customer user, a merchant user, a network and a server. The server is most akin to that of an outside entity such as a bank. The server insures that the price that the customer is willing to pay and the price that the merchant is willing to accept is within certain parameters mandated by the exchange requirement. There is no teaching in the claims of Boesch wherein the credit worthiness of the customer and the credit worthiness of the merchant are combined to bring forth a more favorable exchange transaction for the parties, as Applicant's invention provides.

Furthermore, the central currency exchange management entity also contributes to the credit worthiness of the transaction to reduce transaction costs. The server entity of Boesch does not bring itself into the transaction to help the credit worthiness of the customer and the merchant to lower the transaction costs, but instead often profits by it.

With this amendment, Applicant has shown wherein the Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed. Although Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicant is open to any suggestions by the Examiner which may further enhance the clarity of the uniqueness of Applicant's invention over the cited art. Applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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